

**Chassell Township Board Meeting  
September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by David Mattson

**PRESENT:** Ryan Kuntze, Kelly Holmes, David Mattson, Dan Palosaari

**ABSENT:** Lynn Gierke

**MINUTES:** August minutes were approved per motion by Kelly Holmes, support by David Mattson M/C

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was approved per motion by David Mattson, support by Dan Palosaari. M/C

**AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda by Ryan Kuntze, support by Kelly Holmes. M/C

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** The payment of bills was approved pre motion by Dan Palosaari, support by Ryan Kuntze. M/C

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Aaron Butkovich was wondering who the current Zoning Administrator is and how to get a permit approved. Current ZA Andrew Kemper has resigned.

David Mattson made a motion to place Timothy Palosaari as the interim Zoning Administrator. Kelly Holmes supported the motion. Motion Carried and Timothy Palosaari was named interim Zoning Administrator until a permanent ZA is hired.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** We have a water review class that is done by the USDA in October located in Marquette. Joe Youngman is planning on attending on behalf of the township.

NRCS is going to evaluate the Chassell area for possible water problems. They need Tim or Joe to act as a tour guide to show them problem areas. Tim or Joe will contact the NRCS to schedule such meeting with them.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Curt Judson reported 1 call which was a false alarm. 19 year to date calls. First responders had 5 calls, 45 year to date.

**DPW TWP MAINTENANCE:** Nothing to report

**ZONING:** Timothy Palosaari named interim Zoning Administrator, replacing Andrew Kemper who resigned.

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** The PC has an open seat which has been vacated Lou Hellman. Dillion Geshel was nominated as her replacement. A motion was made by

David Mattson with support by Dan Palosaari. M/C. Dillion Geshel named to Planning Commission.

115 surveys have been returned thus far on the blight survey that was sent out to residents. The PC is analyzing the data currently and will report the findings at the next meeting.

90% of the township roads have been evaluated this far and ranked by the PC. This will help the TWP with a 5 year paving and maintenance plan.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Mark Maki was present and has reported that our 2018 review was OK, but will need some issues to be corrected by 2020. He also is reporting that the possibility of County-wide assessing will be in place by 2021. The state has been threatening the takeover of rolls since 1978, but Maki believes they are getting very close to reality with it now.

**WEBSITE:** Continual updates of meetings and events.

**UPEA REPORT:** Sewer Project-Rural Development wants Flow Meters put into the system to monitor flowage. They want to know if water infiltration is our biggest problem. The meters will give data to UPEA so the application can be started. The exact number of meters to be installed is not known at this time, but is estimated to be between 4-5. The cost of these rental meters to be installed for 3-4 months is approx. \$10,000. This cost can be reimbursed through the cost of the project when it is completed. Motion by Dan Palosaari with support by David Mattson to install the meters. Kelly Holmes abstains. M/C.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) DPW Positions. 3 Applicants so far. It is determined that we need a hiring committee to help with the process. Ryan Kuntze & Dan Palosaari have been nominated to be the hiring committee. Motion by David Mattson with Support by Kelly Holmes.
- 2) Ed's Back Blade: N/R
- 3) Drainage issues NRCS-3<sup>rd</sup> St., 4<sup>th</sup> St. and Massic Road have been identified by NRCS as being the problem areas for Chassell concerning flooding. Through their grant, the TWP would be responsible for 25% of cost while NRCS pays 75%. UPEA has the areas and is calculating volume of water for a 100 year storm. This calculation will determine the size of culverts needed to handle said volumes of water.

**GARBAGE TRUCK:**

- 1) Brake parts will be in for the truck next week. It is running and will be either parted out or sold on Craigslist or EBay. Scrapping it will be a last resort.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Chassell/Portage trails meeting will be held Weds. Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 6 pm at Fire Hall.
- 2) TWP Attorney opinion on short term rentals. To sum up his opinion: None of the current households running Air B N B etc are in violation or our current zoning.

There was opposition from Tom Heikkinen, Dan Wisti, Robert Hutchinson, Nicholas Evert and Lloyd Heldt in regards to Todd Hamar's new building which has rentals upstairs. According to TWP attorney it is not in violation of zoning. The zoning book is going to be looked at for updating terms and becoming more modern. New rentals like air b n b are not addressed in our current zoning book. Opposing parties were encouraged to attend the next PC meeting to start the process of possibly getting changes made to the Zoning book.

- 3) The TWP has decided that we will not allow UPPCO to put underground power to Mitchell Paris' property thru the TWP alley. Joe Youngman said there are too many underground utilities of ours in the alley and power being put in there would only complicate matters worse. Motion made by David Mattson, Support Dan Palosaari. M/C.
- 4) The sheet pile by sturgeon river bridge will be moved across the river free of charge for the TWP to use in conjunction with our boat launch that we are planning on constructing in the future. This is going to save the TWP a great deal of money as well as time.
- 5) 2 signs are to be placed along Halfmoon Beach Rd. Caution Autistic Child and Slow Children signs will be put up. Total cost will be around \$310. Dave Mattson made the motion, support by Dan Palosaari. M/C
- 6) Adjourn motion at 9:14 made by Ryan Kuntze, Kelly Holmes Support. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk



